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1. [redacted] the military strength in Albania numbers about 100,000 men.<sup>1</sup>

2. All military units are headed by Soviet officers.<sup>2</sup> Civilian Government agencies are also directed by the Soviets, who have their representatives in every ministry.

3. The airfield at Vlona is unguarded and abandoned; the runway, however, is in good condition.

4. A considerable number of long-range artillery have been emplaced at Vlona.

5. [redacted] anti-Communist clandestine groups are failing noticeably because of denunciations made to the authorities by former adherents. The anti-Communists [redacted] feel that they have been abandoned by the British emissaries who had promised to send them arms.<sup>3</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. This figure seems greatly exaggerated, even allowing for the inclusion of the Security forces.

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2. [redacted] Comment. It seems more likely [redacted] that Soviet officers are attached to the larger military units only.

a Soviet officer had been assigned to every detachment of the People's Militia (presumably either the Sigurimi or the Brigada Speciale in most here), which aids the police in combating Nationalist resistance.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The point of time in reference here is not clearly indicated.

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